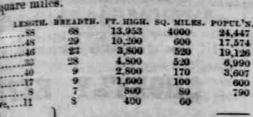
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he Hawaiian Archipelago consists of twelve S' and 160° 15' West longitude from Green and stretch along in a direction W. N. W. S. E. about 350 miles, and contain about



Beaverage temperature in low southern and rations, is 75°; in northern and eastmits cold. A summary of meteorologiobservations, made by the missionaries at solutu, from August, 1821, to July, 1822, the mean temperature to be 75°; N. E. winds three-fourths of the year; rain on days; highest heat observed in the shade bwest 594. During the months of January February, the thermometer sometimes falls to

his island consists essentially of the three ins of Mauna Kea, (13,953 feet high,) ma Loa, (13,760 feet high,) and Hualalai gard side, owing to the abundant rains, vegis luxuriant. Here is situated the fine are of Hilo, in the vicinity of which are four plantations, three of which are managed ese, and all at present doing well. Coffee ins to a large growth, and bears well on this of the island, but the quality is not considdequal to that raised on the leeward side. In Hilo, round to Kohala, facing the northtrade winds, the land near the sea is composed pitous bluffs, broken frequently by enor-ulches, or ravines, through which the such into the ocean. Though bleak from its stant exposure to the strong trades, this porof Hawaii is rich in agricultural resources, is a grazing section is unsurpassed. The fina" or leeward side of the island, which is med by the S. W. slope of Mount Hualalai, sents to the eye, on passing along the shore, a r desolate appearance, and in fact, from suhae to Kealakekna, and thence quite round

Ka, on the S. W., varying in width from a to two miles from the beach, there seems to little else than black lava rock, the debris of act volcanic action. But from Kailua to ikekua, at an elevation of from 500 to 2000 the soil among the decomposing lava seems schaustible richness. There are not far from in about one-fifth, or 20,000 acres, are suita-for the cultivation of coffee. Its present pros, bowever, does not much exceed 100,000 ands of coffee per annum in the most favorable on here, and it is pretty generally conceded this is the best fruit district on the islands. djudges have pronounced the Kona coffee the grown on the islands, and oranges, pineapgrapes, mangoes, and a variety of other are said to attain to a perfection rarely of in other Hawaiian localities. The com-nestor-oil plant is frequently seen here with

out like a tree, the lower branches several he following account of this district was ton by a native, and published in the native per, from which we translate it : district of Kona lies on the west side of sland of Hawaii, and stretches from Puuanato Kaulansmauna. It is about 90 miles

a measured by the government road. A large in; there are, however, very rich lands in places, particularly on either side of the percent from Lanihau to Hookena, but the ands in Kona are situated between Kailua Kainaliu. About every one of the producof the Hawaiian Islands will grow well in district, but those for which it is peculiarly sei are coffee, oranges and sweet potatoes. the are about 100,000 acres of arable land, of the 20,000 acres are suited for coffee, and if amount were planted with that shrub, the dist would be 20,000,000 pounds of coffee per am. In our opinion, if it were not for the bince, unskillfulness and ignorance of the tie, both natives and foreigners, they would have the above amount of coffee, worth the

of \$2,000,000 every year.
The orange is a valuable tree in Kona, and that produced there is probably excelled in the by none. We are glad to learn that more when has been paid to the orange the past five than was formerly the case—from three to toosand young trees having been planted that period. Under favorable circumthese trees will bear plentifully in from th seven years. The produce, however, is not the same in quantity; in some years will be abundance, more than can be sold my, and they will rot, and in other years will be a failure in the crop, so that raising a cannot be certainly depended upon as a of wealth. But the cultivation of coffee the most importance, and those who follow perseverance and industry, are sure to be-

the district of Kau, 55 miles in length, is, ocks from the sea for several miles inland the arable land commences, and spreads into a broad plain, gradually ascending to mountains, admirably fitted for pasturage. in the more elevated portions of Kau, and

active volcass of Kilauea, and the interat one of Mauna Loa, are well known. The of Hualalai has been quiet since about the taing of this century. It has been rarely it hough said to be well worth seeing. The crater is described as being large and irregulation cones and chasms, but having near the a black-mouthed pit of no great diameter, it immense depth, its sides as smooth as glass. Informant (a respectable foreigner) says that have a large rock into it, and, if he noted the discorrectly, the depth reached before it anything must have been considerably the thousand feet, while the stone was heard at a much greater depth.

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The sides of Mauna Kea, at an elevation of the sides of Mauna Kea, at an elevation of the sides of Mauna Kea, at an elevation of the sides of the sides of the descendants of a turned loose on the mountain in the times thanks I., recruited largely, no doubt, aways from the tame herds of Waimea.

It is a level plain, about 20 miles wide, the Kohala mountains on the N. E., and this do of Mauna. Een on the S. W. It werly covered with a forest of kukui and



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six miles in width from sea to sea, and from six ities by the streams that run into it, but connectto ten miles in length. Eastern Maui is much higher than Western, consisting chiefly of Haleakala, (House of the Sun,) 10,200 feet high, and its immense slopes. It also includes much the its immense slopes. It also includes much the most arable land, and here are situated two fine sugar plantations, the East Maui Plantation, under the direction of A. H. Spencer, and the Brewer Plantation, L. L. Torbert, manager Brewer Plantation, L. L. Torbert, manager. Honolulu. The immense flats between it and the towards Kauai and Niihau are covered with scat-Others are projected, or in progress of planting. Sea, and those that stretch off beyond it for seven tered tufts of grass, among which numerous wild East Mani possesses some of the finest sugar lands on the group. Here also are situated the immense kula lands, or arable plains, which a few years ago supplied the Irish potatoes, with which years ago supplied the Irish potatoes, with which masses of all sizes, with solid rock beneath of mark. The rock itself is lower than the Niihau a brisk trade was carried on with California, and from which at present the whalers are furnished with most of their supplies. At Makawao are the wheet lands of the group, at least here at least twelve miles disthe wheat lands of the group—at least here is the spot where the cultivation of cereals has been a from unwary cattle or horses. Along the inland tant. success. About 2000 acres are under cultivation, shore of Pearl River is a strip of very fertile land, with a product of 25,000 bushels per annum. snore of Pearl River is a strip of very lertile land, varying in breadth, some of which is now culti-The business is steadily increasing. The crater of Haleakala is a deep gorge, about sixteen miles in length, and open at the two ends. The botthe elevated plain which extends between the two which the natives occasionally visit it. A landtom of it is two thousand and ninety-three feet

many large hills of scoria and sand. The isthmus of Waikapu lies but little above the level of the sea, and is composed of dry sand. Since the goats and cattle have been allowed to run there, they have destroyed the vines and bushes which served to confine the sand on the windward side, and the "dunes" have been driven nearly to the leeward beach, and will soon usurp the whole of the lower part of the isthmus. The wind here rushes across in fierce gusts be-The isthmus of Waikapu lies but little above The wind here rushes across in fierce gusts be- slope of the mountains on the right from Moana- a mile wide. A landing can seldom be accomtween the two divisions of the island, and renders lux to Waialua presents much land in its valleys plished with safety with ordinary boats, though the navigation of the bay at times quite dangerous. On the western slope of the isthmus, and
towards the windward side, lie the cultivated
portions of Waikapu and Wailuku, which, with
the relief behind them are very fertile. The the valleys behind them, are very fertile. The level plain of Lahaina, composed of the alluvial washed from the hills in the rear of the town, is remarkably rich, and capable of producing largely kukui, ohia and some koa, and occupied now of most kinds of fruits and vegetables. Grapes only by wild cattle and hogs. Turkeys and grow rapidly, bear profusely, and are of a fine chickens, too, are numerous—estrays from domes-

KAHOOLAWE

Is situated about 24 miles W. S. W. from Lahaina, off the N. W. side of East Mani, about 12 miles. It is used at present as a sheep pasture. Formerly it was a penal settlement. Natives occasionally go over there for a few months for fishing purposes, or during the rainy season to fishing purposes, or during the rainy season to limit defined by its upheaval. At many of the little disturbed by its upheaval. At many of the little disturbed by its upheaval. At many of the little disturbed by its upheaval. Nature Public for the protest of commercial paper only. Office said to contain 25,600 acres, of which about 3000

Is a small, bare, uninhabited rock in the channel about midway between Kahoolawe and East the sea below low water mark.

eight to twelve miles, and is about sixteen miles long by about eight wide. Though higher than Kahoolawe, it is too low to receive a large quan-Lies opposite Lahaina at a distance of from tity of rain, and though there are a few good lands upon it, the population is scanty. There is but one permanent stream on the island, that running down the valley of Maunalei, which opens to the N. E., directly facing Kaluaaha, on Molokai. The Mormons have tried to the test of the test of the Mormons have tried to the test of the te their headquarters in the group, but with indif-

It is said that Lanai, if turned bottom up into the crater of Haleakala, would about fill it.

MOLOKAL. This island is long and narrow, the eastern end much the highest point, rising into mountains nearly three thousand feet high, and sloping off gradually to the western point. The arable land on the windward side is narrow, and much of the

it ka aina pali,—a land of precipices. Some of the windward portions for a large part of the year can be approached only by sea, and that in good Oahu is more properly and naturally a grazing can be approached only by sea, and that in good weather, the foot-paths over the mountains being than an agricultural island, though the quantity often impossible. The leeward side presents a of arable land scattered at intervals over its surmuch more gentle slope to the sea, and contains some fine land both for culture and grazing. Some of the valleys towards the eastern end pre sent scenery unsurpassed in magnificence. The western end of the island is too low and dry to be western end of the island is too low and dry to be worth much, unless perhaps for sheep pasture. The population of Molokai is apparently more industrious and enterprising and also healthier than that of most of the other identity cannot be defined by the group, is one of the pleasantest. It is separated from Oahu by a channel about 80 miles wide. The difference of latitude between Kauai and the southern part of Hawaii is apparently more into the proposition of the pleasantest. that of most of the other islands of the group.
Since 1853 the population has been gradually increasing. There are one or two dairy farms on the island, from which an excellent article of but-

commercially, Oahu is the most important island of the group. It is formed by two ranges of mountains, the highest of which—Konahuanui at the pass of Nuuanu—is about four thousand teatern end of the island along near the windward shore till it sinks into the low plain of coral rock at Kahuku; the other, or Waianae range, commencing on the leeward side of Ewa at Barber's point, and running some ten or twelve miles towards the first range, with which it makes an angle, then turning with a sharp elbow and running down to Kaena point, leaving Wailua on the right or windward for almost its whole range, a perpendicular wall of rock several thousand feet high, with comparatively level lend extending from its base to the sea, varying in width from nothing, as at Makapuu pali, or ten rods, as at high and the pass of Muuanu—is found the most important island along near the windward stretching beyond its bounds, without finally resting to stretching beyond its bounds, without finally resting to stretching beyond its bounds, without finally resting to the observer aware of his insulated, almost imprisoned life, finds great relief in a view which allows it to strain itself to see further into land stretching beyond its bounds, without finally resting the observer aware of his insulated, almost imprisoned life, finds great relief in a view which allows it to strain itself to see further into land stretching beyond its bounds, without finally resting the observer aware of his insulated, almost ing the observer aware of his insulated. Allows it to strain itself to see further into land stretching beyond its bounds, without finally restance of the bre nothing, as at Makapuu pali, or ten rods, as at which they have been separated, may account for D. Judd's land, to six or seven miles opposite the pali of Nuuanu. Through this low land at intervals are thrown out from the main range several ridges or spurs of hills, usually ending at or

weathers.

The leeward side of the mountains presents a gentle slope. The Kona, or Honolulu district, is divided like the Koolan or windward district by the spurs of the mountains into three distinct divided.

This island, the last of the group which is instituted, lies in a S. W. direction from the Kona habited, lies in a S. W. direction from the kona habited, lies in a S. W. direction from the kona habited from the lies and

below the summit of its walls. The inside is Waialua, descending somewhat more steeply into as the surf breaks very heavily at all times. bare of vegetation, and from its bottom arise the lowlands of Waialua at a distance of two or

flavor. With these exceptions, most of West Maui not inaccessibly mountainous, is grazing climate to many more agreeable than Koolau or Honolulu. From Waialua to Kahuku the sur-

> the surface from the mountains to the outlets in The Waianae district, protected by its mountain range from the trades and exposed fully to the afternoon sun, is for the most part very warm,

> frequent holes and crevices in it may be seen streams of fine clear and cool fresh water, making

their subterranean way three or four feet below

being headquarters in the group, but with indiferent success.

It is main range of the Canu mountains has a break or passage through it at the Nuuanu valley, often described as the celebrated "pall of Nuuanu," and is passable for footmen at the heads of several of the valleys. The Waianae mountains have but one path over them, that near

difficult and at times a dangerous path. Each of the above districts of Oahu has, even at the same elevation above the sez, its peculiar climate, perceptible to an ordinary observer. The difference is due to different degrees of moisture windward side is harrow, and indecided windward side is harrow, and indecided windward coast is formed by bold precipices of bare lava rock, rendered wild and jagged in appearance by frequent frightful gulches and ravines. The natives, in speaking of Molokai, term after leaving the sea, and by the character of that after leaving the sea, and by the character of that age is amply sufficient to support a large popula-

Generally called the oldest of the group, is one the island, from which an excellent article of butter is sent to the Honolulu market, and occasionally some very fine cattle. There is an indentation on the leeward side of the island at a place called Kalae, which, at a moderate expense, might be converted into a good harbor for coasters. At present only very small vessels can get over the bar.

Commercially Ochu is the most important of the islands of the

eral ridges or spurs of hills, usually ending at or near the sea with an extinct crater; as it were ribs from the back-bone. The soil of the low land mentioned is generally good, and pretty well watered. The climate, as on the windward side watered. The climate, as on the windward side of all the islands, is more moist and several delication of the low restriction Honolulu, the seat of the Hawaiian government and the commercial emporium of the islands, is situated on the leeward or west side of the island, on a level plain directly opposite the beautiful valley of Nuuanu. The city has slowly but constantly increased in size during the past ten years, and its population amounts to between 8000 and 9000 inhabitants, of whom 1500 are foreigners. It has a fine capacious harbor, formed by the coral reef, capable of accommodating 200 the island, is dry and adapted to cultivation only in the valleys. That part of the island stretching from Mana point around the west-and stretching from Mana poin

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